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Super Bowl 2023 Creative Effectiveness Report



## An evolution in advertising



## It's the biggest marketing event of the year for good reason

### 100+ million viewers

- #1 among all segments
- Compelling content
- Big consumption day
  - Rare "water cooler" opportunity





yahoo/sports

2023 NFL Playoffs: Chiefs AFC championship win sets record 53M viewers; Eagles' NFC title draws 47.5M

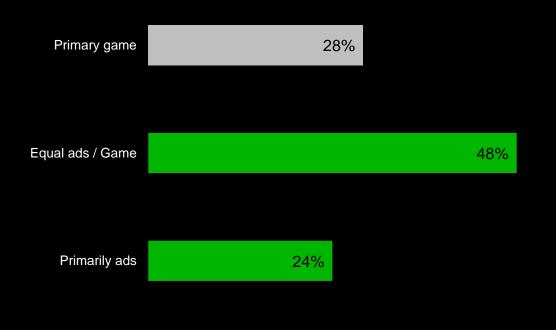






## **364 days of avoidance...** One day of hyper engagement

Attitude toward watching ads or game (all adults) Among those who intend to watch the Super Bowl





of U.S. adults agree

## "I tend to enjoy Super Bowl commercials much more than the typical advertisements I see."

Among those who intend to watch the Super Bowl

## The Upshot

A time to "turn the corner" and align with optimism and positivity

"Super Bowl LVII is the perfect opportunity to turn the corner on what brands say and do... The game on February 12, 2023, will be the first one since COVID began that is not overhung by mounting tensions. This is the moment for brands to align themselves with the optimism and positivity sought by consumers."

J. Walker Smith, Chief Knowledge Officer Kantar

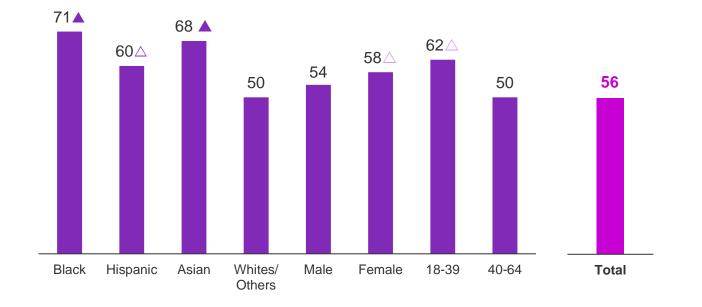


# Over half of the consumers prefer Super Bowl ads that are more inclusive and diverse – more people of color, women and the younger generation

I prefer Super Bowl ads that are more inclusive and diverse Top 2 Box - Agree (%)

▲ Significantly different than 3 or more groups

 $\bigtriangleup$  Significantly different than at least one group

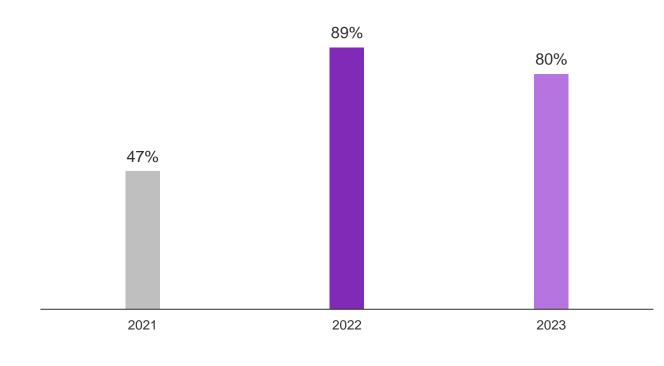




## 2022 saw a spike in ads with DEI

2023 shows a slightly lower representation

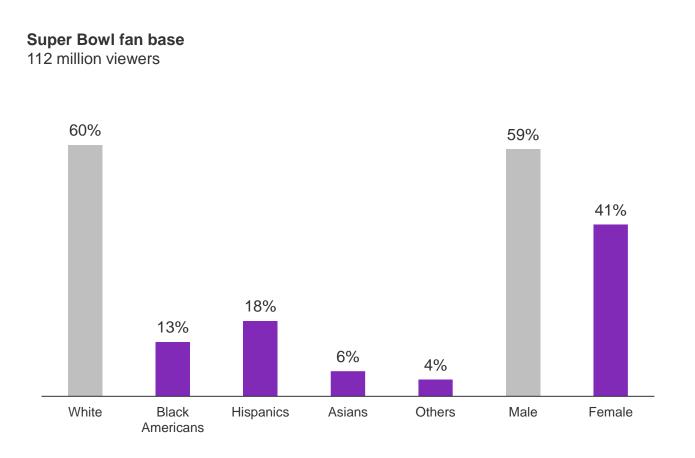
**Diversity in Super Bowl ads** Super Bowl fan base - 112 million viewers







Super Bowl has a broad and diverse base of viewers with over 40% of people watching the Big Game being either women and / or people from different racial backgrounds





# **Creative Trends**



## **Expectations are high**

## 48%

Want ads that offer a positive perspective

56%

Prefer Super Bowl ads that are more inclusive and diverse

61%

State it's important for brands to be **committed to making society better** 





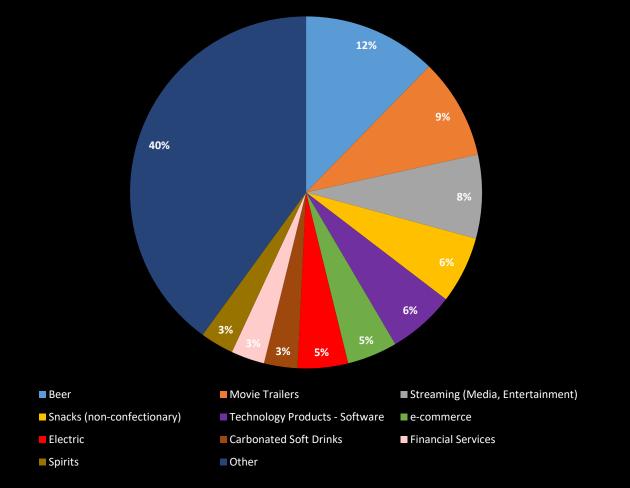
## We tested all national ads that ran during the Super Bowl through Link Al

# 65 Ads

We've used 3 core measures to assess ad effectiveness during the Super Bowl, given that most advertisers are trying to build brand equity (over short-term sales)

Impact	Brand Equity	Enjoyment
How likely will the ad breakthrough and be remembered for the brand?	How likely will the ad help contribute to long-term brand equity for the brand?	How much would viewers enjoy watching this ad?

#### **Category Breakdown of 65 ads**





2023 Super Bowl advertisers are taking "entertainment" seriously, continuing the trend of using celebrities, humor, nostalgia and famous music

62% score above average in "Enjoyment"

71% have celebrities

68% use humor

Pepsi Zero Sugar "Ben Stiller"

Ben Stiller jokes with viewers on whether Pepsi Zero Sugar really tastes good or if he's just that good of an actor.

Impact Enjoyment



**Busch Light** "The Busch Guide"

**Busch Light and Sarah McLachlan** put a fun comedic twist on her **ASPCA** commercials.

> 88 Impact 93 Enjoyment



Michelob Ultra "New Members Day"

Actors and athletes came together to showcase Michelob Ultra to the classic music and setting of 'Caddyshack'.

Impact Enjoyment

75

86



Workday "Rock Star"

Workday used their first Super Bowl appearance to have Rockstars highlight how the corporate world misappropriates the term "Rockstar".

80 Impact 81 Enjoyment 80 93

31% use widely recognizable music



## The use of DEI is expanding beyond just diversity in casting

**800/0** 2023 ads showed a diverse cast

50% ads show diversity in active roles

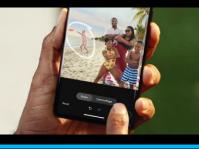


#### Draft Kings

"All customers get a free bet"

Kevin Hart as well as a diverse ensemble cast were able to tastefully showcase DraftKings to a broad audience with a free bet on gameday.

Impact Brand Equity Enjoyment



Google "Fixed on Pixel"

Google highlighted the new capabilities of the Pixel 7 by applying its functionality to common occurrences in day-to-day life.

83 Impact63 Brand Equity88 Enjoyment



Snapchat "Wait'll You See This"

Seeing the world differently through your imagination (and filters) will help you see the world more clearly is the key message in this ad.

72 Impact53 Brand Equity90 Enjoyment



Budweiser "Six Degrees of Bud"

Budweiser shows how communities come together throughout everyday scenarios.

67	Impact
73	Brand Equity
33	Eniovment

## But will you remember the brand after the game is over?

# 17%

2023 ads score in the top tertile for long-term brand equity contribution (Brand Equity).



#### Tubi

#### "Interface Interruption"

Tubi was able to send many viewers into a panic as they thought they had misplaced their remote. It also made viewers know they were only a few clicks away.

Impact Brand Equity Enjoyment



#### Jeep "Electric Boogie"

Dancing animals are fun and lighthearted but this touches on how cleaner and sustainable transportation is something all living things can celebrate.

69 Impact70 Brand Equity92 Enjoyment



#### The Farmer's Dog "Forever"

We were reminded once more of the value our pets bring to our lives and what they eat matters to their long-term health.

95 Impact93 Brand Equity95 Enjoyment



#### Dunkin "Drive Thru"

Ben Affleck, widely known to be a Dunkin fan, brought the everyday experience of getting a Dunkin coffee to life in a funny and authentic way.

5	Impact
0	Brand Equity
1	Enjoyment

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90

69

## 2023's top performing Super Bowl ads (only 8 qualified this year)

# 12%

2023 ads scored in top tertile on key Super Bowl measures: Impact, Brand Equity and Enjoyment



#### CrowdStrike "Troy"

Cyber threats are a major concern in modern times, but CrowdStrike emphasized how foolish it is to leave yourself vulnerable and how easy it is to protect yourself from being the next Trojan horse.

Impact Brand Equity Enjoyment



#### **Dodge RAM** "Premature Electrification"

A comedic spin on formulaic pharmaceutical ads, the ad effectively positioned RAM as a way around short electric charges.

73 Impact71 Brand Equity91 Enjoyment



#### Limit Break "Limit Break"

Limit Break gave viewers the chance to obtain 1 of 10,000 NFTs through a QR code redeemable through their upcoming mobile game.

90Impact90Brand Equity74Enjoyment

Jeep

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## 2023's top performing Super Bowl ads

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The top scoring ads integrated the brand into their story in a memorable and differentiated way.



#### Hellmann's "Who's in the Fridge"

Following up on last year's popular ad, Hellmann's was able to use celebrities Jon 'Hamm', 'Brie' Larson and Pete Davidson to inspire viewers to use Hellman's.

Impact Brand Equity Enjoyment



Sam Adams "A Brighter Boston"

Sam Adams continued to build equity around its Boston heritage, using humor in an ownable way.

77 Impact79 Brand Equity70 Enjoyment



**GM + Netflix** "Why Not EV"

The combination of popular Netflix shows along with Will Ferrell brought a great deal of memorability to this EV ad.

91 Impact76 Brand Equity94 Enjoyment



#### WeatherTech "We All Win"

A regular at the Super Bowl, WeatherTech brought a more serious tone by emphasizing the values which make their company and products different.

Impact	
Brand Equity	
Enjoyment	

92

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89

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## 2023's worst performing Super Bowl ads

# 8%

2023 ads scored below average on at least two key Super **Bowl measures: Impact, Brand Equity and** Enjoyment.

These ads struggle with branding.



#### Downy "Call Me Downy McBride"

Humor may have taken away from the brand's message and left viewers more confused about Danny McBride and Downey's intent.

Impact **Brand Equity** Enjoyment



#### He Gets Us "Love Your Enemies"

He Gets Us ran an unconventional Super Bowl ad that brought a humanistic message during polarizing times, but the branding fell short.

29 Impact 24 Brand Equity 27 Enjoyment



#### **Church of Scientology** "Live Again"

The message of the ad was hard to follow, appeared to showcase the Church of Scientology's new streaming service as well as it's philosophy.

31 Impact Brand Equity 9 47

Enjoyment



## **T-Mobile**

"New Year New Member"

Bringing together celebrities to create a rendition of 'Grease' was entertaining but overshadowed T-Mobile as the focus.

18	Impact
8	Brand Equity
63	Enjoyment

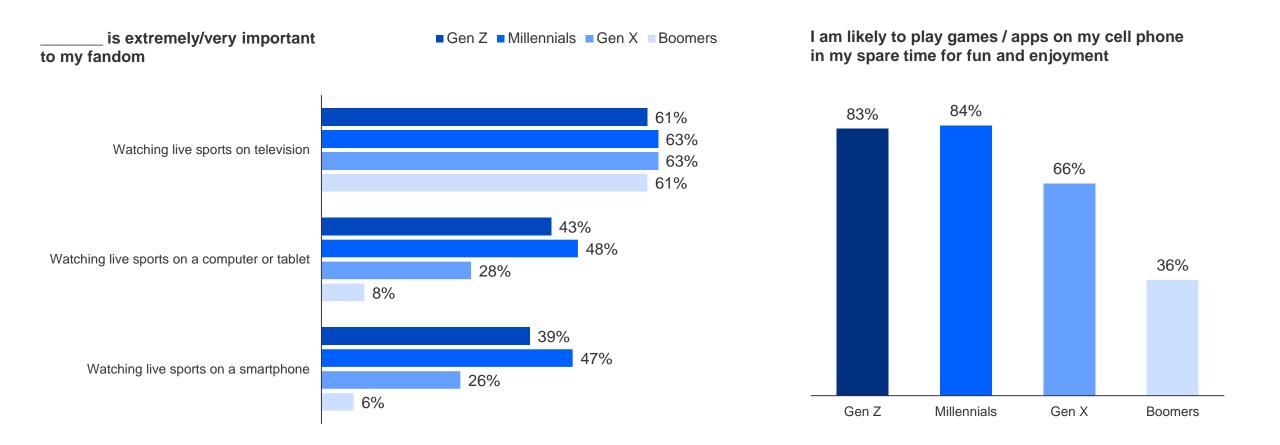


## The Super Bowl ad is only the **tip of the spear**



## Why is that?

### Well, smaller screens make inroads with Gen Z and Millennials



## Making a human connection on social media

Most sports fans remain tied to traditional sports media like TV, but younger fans' desires depart from their older counterparts.

Coming of age immersed in social media culture, Gen Z sports fans are attracted to lighthearted, shareable memes as the top variety of sports-related content on social media over "just the facts." Understanding the broader cultural touchstones and values of Gen Z will be required of all sports organizations seeking to capture growth in the future. **Top 5 kinds of sports-related content I engage with on social media** (among those who use social media to follow sports)

Gen Z sports fans

#### All sports fans

Breaking sports news		1.	Memes
Sports facts, data and statistics		2.	Sports facts, data and statistics
Clips of recent sporting events		3.	Clips of recent sporting events
News and opinion about my favorite team		4.	Breaking Sports news
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## Social Media @ the Super Bowl



## Super Bowl ad spending on social has increased significantly

Ad spend for the seven brands that had Super Bowl campaigns across three timeframes

	Super Bowl		
	2012	2017	2022
Linear TV	199,952,589	197,255,491	271,940,441
Online/Mobile Video		1,104,259	28,718,375
Paid Social		243,968	26,256,759
Mobile App			6,954,324
Internet – Search	3,459,598	6,211,871	6,938,236
Radio	5,788,976	4,310,522	6,695,818
Internet – Display	19,513,987	4,358,615	5,979,476
AVOD			5,914,598
Mobile Web		2,297,499	5,206,065

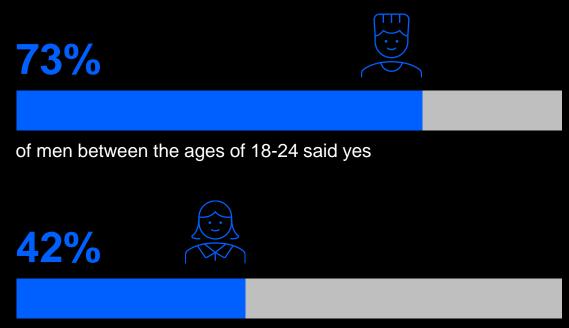


Source: Vivvix, including Paid Social data powered by Pathmatics



## Younger consumers are intrigued by new interactive ad formats

When asked if they would engage with a TikTok challenge during the Super Bowl



of women between the ages of 18-24 said yes

When asked what ad formats folks are looking forward to during the Super Bowl

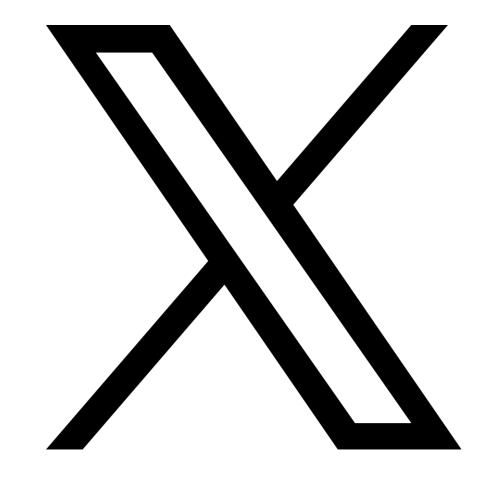
of men between the ages of 18-24 said QR codes



43%

of women between the ages of 18-24 said QR codes

## Super Bowl fans' usage of X (formerly Twitter)



X (formerly Twitter): How often use this social network		
Weighted sample total count	3,403	
Every day	20.80%	
A few times each week	11.33%	
Once a week	7.57%	
About twice a month	4.00%	
Less than twice a month	7.18%	
I do not have an account	49.12%	

# The Beer & Beverage Bowl

## But what about the ROI?

On average, one Super Bowl ad is as effective as 23 regular TV ads at driving brand perceptions

Last year, Super Bowl ads delivered solid ROIs with an average return of \$4.5 per dollar spent







## Sample of ROI for beer brands running ads in recent Super Bowls

#### **Bud Light Legends**



A Clydesdale's Journey

FBudweiser

Jimmy Works It Out





Super Bowl LV ROI \$5.5



Super Bowl LVI

Super Bowl LIV
ROI \$2.5

Michelob

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